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333. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister issued orders sometimes back for immediate release of Rs.105 crores for Andhra Pradesh under the Employment Assurance Scheme to provide work to the people affected by the acute drought conditions in the State ; and

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned and released so far to Andhra Pradesh and the time by which the total amount is likely be released ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU): (a) The Prime Minister decided for advance release of second instalment of funds under Employment Assurance Scheme to Andhra Pradesh in view of the drought conditions in the state.

(b) In pursuance of Prime Minister's decision, advance release of second instalment of Employment Assurance Scheme funds amounting to Rs.83.70 crore has been made to all the districts of Andhra Pradesh . So far funds amounting to Rs.167.40 crore, including the first instalment have been released to the state under Employment Assurance Scheme.

Hyderabad Water Supply Project

334. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed for Rs.1,000 crore assistance for the Hyderabad Water Supply Project;

(b) if so, whether any concrete plan has been prepared to utilise the World Bank assistance;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the state Government of Andhra Pradesh has started work on this project; and

(e) if not, the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPROT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) The World Bank has not yet agreed on the amount of assistance for the proposed Second Hyderabad Water Supply & Sanitation project.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has prepared detailed project report on the Second Hyderabad Water Supply & Sanitation project at an estimated cost of Rs.1488.40 crores for World Bank assistance, which includes conveyance of 90 mgd of treated water from Nagar Junasagar to the city of Hyderabad, strengthening the water distribution and sewerage systems, low cost sanitation, technical assistance and training .

(d) and (e) Preparatory steps have been initiated by the state Government, such as preparation of detailed engineering design, environmental assessment studies, etc. The time by which the work is likely to be started would depend upon the approval of the project by the World Bank.

Balconies of Houses in Lodhi Complex

335. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 'balconies' of some of the Government accommodation of Lodhi Complex, New Delhi caved in endangering the lives of the residents recently;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by the Government in regard thereto ;

(c) whether the Government have made any investigation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Not applicable in view of reply at (a) above .

Pedne Tunnel on Konkan Railway

336. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Engineers are experiencing lot of difficulties and problems in executing a tunnel near pedne;

(b) the nature of these problems;

(c) the steps proposed to meet problems and complete the tunnel at an early date ; and

(d) the revised date by which this tunnel will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Problems have been faced in excavation of heading of tunnel due to encountering of adverse geological conditions.